

# Independent and Subordinate Clauses B

**6b.** An **independent** (or **main**) **clause** expresses a complete thought and can stand by itself as a sentence.

**6c.** A **subordinate** (or **dependent**) **clause** does not express a complete thought and cannot stand by itself as a complete sentence.

**INDEPENDENT CLAUSE** When you call Jane, **ask her for that book.**

**SUBORDINATE CLAUSE** **When you call Jane,** ask her for that book.

**EXERCISE** On the lines provided, add independent clauses to the following subordinate clauses to express complete thoughts. Make sure each sentence begins with a capital letter and has end punctuation.

**Example 1.** after we left the pizza parlor We went to a movie after we left the pizza parlor.

1. when I graduate from high school \_\_\_\_\_

2. whose sweater was lost \_\_\_\_\_

3. which is a good book \_\_\_\_\_

4. until Mark moved to Chicago \_\_\_\_\_

5. after the game was over \_\_\_\_\_

6. that caused the accident \_\_\_\_\_

7. since I met you in art class \_\_\_\_\_

8. until I call you on Friday \_\_\_\_\_

9. whom I assist as a student aide during my free period \_\_\_\_\_

10. because I didn't think before I spoke \_\_\_\_\_